

State of Mississippi

Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce

Agriculture Fact Sheet Peanuts 2013



- 33,000 acres of peanuts were harvested.
- 105.6 million pounds produced.
- \$23 million value of production in 2013.
- Mississippi ranks #7 in the United States in peanut production.
- Runner peanut varieties are the most popular grown peanuts in Mississippi.
- Peanuts are planted after the last frost in April or early May and are harvested normally beginning around the second week of September.
- The majority of peanut acreage is located in the Southeastern part of the state.

- The peanut is not a nut, but a legume related to beans and lentils.
- Peanuts account for two-thirds of all snack nuts consumed in the USA.
- There are four types of peanuts grown in the USA – Runner, Virginia, Spanish, and Valencia.
- The average American consumes more than six pounds of peanuts and peanut butter products each year.
- March is National Peanut Month.
- Most USA peanut farms are family-owned and operated with the average size farm being 100 acres.
- The peanut plant originated in South America.
- The peanut growth cycle from planting to harvest is about five months.
- Peanuts flower above ground and then migrate underground to reach maturity.
- Peanut butter is the leading use of peanuts in the USA.

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